

SECRET

USA

NPIC/R-1296/63

May 1963

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

**IPIR**  
**BRASS KNOB MISSION 3604**  
**20 MAY 1963**



ARMY



NAVY

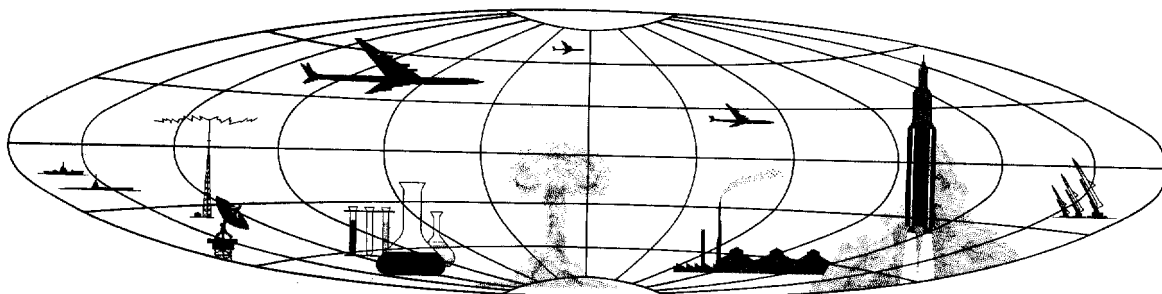


AIR FORCE



CIA

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER



SECRET

WARNING

This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3604, DATED 20 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

--MISSILES--

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

25X1D SITE ABANDONED.  
SEVENTEEN VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
ONE PROBABLE VEHICLE OBSERVED.

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

25X1D SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS (3 WITH MISSILES), AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND ONE POSSIBLE UNCOVERED TRANSPORTER.

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1A

CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2236N 08005W

MISSILE CANISTERS AND TRANSPORTERS ARE VISIBLE,  
HOWEVER, CLOUD SHADOW, HAZE, AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE A  
DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SIGUANEA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2137N 08258W

TWO LAUNCHERS AND 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.  
HAZE LIMITS FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

TWO CANVAS-COVERED REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 10  
CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND 8 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 UNRETTED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, 21  
VEHICLES, AND ONE LARGE TENT.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT --- 7 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE HARE OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

25X1A

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1A

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANDOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 35 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, AND 19 FAGOT/FRESCO  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1A

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 2 PROBABLE LIAISON-TYPE.

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 4 C-46, ONE B-26,  
ONE BRITANNIA, ONE COOT, ONE CAB, 2 CRATE, ONE  
LODESTAR, AND 2 LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 2 CAB, 3 CRATE, 7 COLT, ONE PBV, 36  
LIAISON/TRAINER, AND ONE FAGOT/FRESCO.

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W 25X1D

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

PLAYA BARCOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE CAB, 2 CRATE, 63 HOUND, 4 HARE, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTER.

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINE TRANSPORT.

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE POSSIBLE LIAISON-TYPE.

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, 2 PC, AND ONE

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D LARGE FREIGHTER AT MARIEL CITY PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED]

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL TANKER, 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS,  
4 PT, 2 PF, AND ONE PC.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

25X1D VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS AND ONE TANKER OBSERVED IN  
PORT AREA.

[REDACTED]

NUEVA GERONA PORT 2153N 08248W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE PROBABLE SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTER.

[REDACTED]

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

25X1D VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS (ONE WITH HATCHES OPEN).  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED]

5  
SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63  
25X1A

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

25X1D

VESSELS -- NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED.

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
PORTIONS.

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AND ONE PROBABLE  
FREIGHTER HULL ANCHORED OFFSHORE.

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

SECRET



NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1A

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 2 PF, 4 PC, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE  
RAILWAY, 17 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 14 SMALL FREIGHTERS,  
9 TRAWLERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, ONE SMALL UNIDENTIFIED  
VESSEL, AND ONE TANKER IN DRYDOCK.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THIRTY VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D TWENTY-FIVE PROBABLE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 51 LARGE TENTS (INCLUDING 41 NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), 7 MEDIUM TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), AND ONE SMALL TENT, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 36 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES OF WHICH 33 ARE PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, 50 EIGHT-WHEELED APC, 8 FA PIECES, 172 CARGO TRUCKS, 12 UTILITY TRUCKS, 43 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 2 VAN TRUCKS, 10 CARGO TRAILERS, 2 LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND 5 PROBABLE TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-SIX VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FOUR PROBABLE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08251W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D

25X1A

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1 2121N 07751W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 12 LARGE, 19 MEDIUM, AND 13 SMALL TENTS (CLOUDS AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE MORE DETAILED TENT COUNT), 32 TANKS/SP GUNS, AT LEAST 2 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 10 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 9 PROBABLE SNAPPERS, 13 FA PIECES, 236 CARGO TRUCKS, 27 UTILITY TRUCKS, 57 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 11 CARGO TRAILERS, 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES, AND ONE VAN TRAILER. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.

25X1D

ENCAMPMENT .8 NM NORTH -- 19 LARGE TENTS (17 NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), OBSERVED IN CLOUD FREE AREAS. ENCAMPMENT 2.3 NM SE -- 41 LARGE TENTS (33 NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), 2 MEDIUM TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), 60 CARGO TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 20 AAA FA PIECES.

25X1A

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

FOURTEEN VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

EIGHTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS, 34 LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 300 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SANTA FE AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2143N 08249W

NO NEW OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CAYO LARGO 2138N 08129W

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AT LEAST 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND AT LEAST 10 VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

EIGHTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 16 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

THIRTY VEHICLES (18 WITH FA PIECES IN TOW) OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES AND AT LEAST 21  
FA PIECES.

WEST AREA -- 22 VEHICLES (15 WITH FA PIECES IN TOW).

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

25X1D TWENTY-FOUR VEHICLES OBSERVED AT PUNTA REGLA, AND 25  
VEHICLES IN POL AREA.

[REDACTED]

GUANAJAY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2257N 08243W

MILITARY CAMP, 2.7 NM NW OF GUANAJAY AT 22-57-30N  
082-43-35W, INCLUDES, IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS, 2 LARGE  
PROBABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS, 32 BARRACK, ADMINISTRATIVE  
OR MISCELLANEOUS-TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE LARGE

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1A

25X1D

NON-SOVIET-TYPE TENT, ONE OCCUPIED 3-GUN AAA SITE,  
TANKS/SP GUNS, AND 34 CARGO TRUCKS.

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1D

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-NINE VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.  
NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN STORAGE AREAS.

25X1D

LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

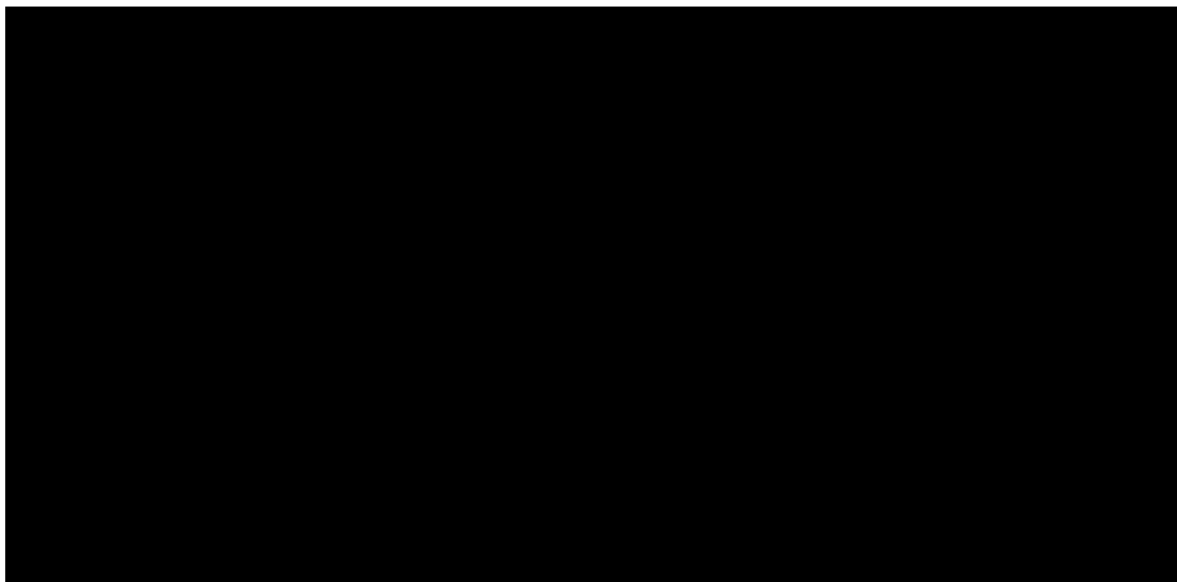
25X1D

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63

25X1D



25X1A

25X1A

CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

AT LEAST 6 VEHICLES OBSERVED. THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED  
CRATES REMAIN.

25X1D



-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE  
SINCE LAST COVERAGE--

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
MARIEL SAM SITE	2300N 08249W
MATANZAS SAM SITE	2301N 08129W
BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE	2202N 08024W
CAIBARIEN SAM SITE	2228N 07929W
SIGUANEA SAM SITE	2137N 08257W
CHAMBAS SAM SITE	2213N 07853W
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE	2301N 08044W
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2122N 07750W
MANAGUA SAM SITE	2259N 08215W
MAJANA SAM SITE	2241N 08249W
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2156N 08019W

SECRET

SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63  
25X1A

SIGUANEA AIRFIELD	2138N 08257W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE	2256N 08149W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	2202N 08036W
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH	2202N 08025W
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH	2154N 08246W
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH	2153N 08243W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W
MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED ---

25X1A

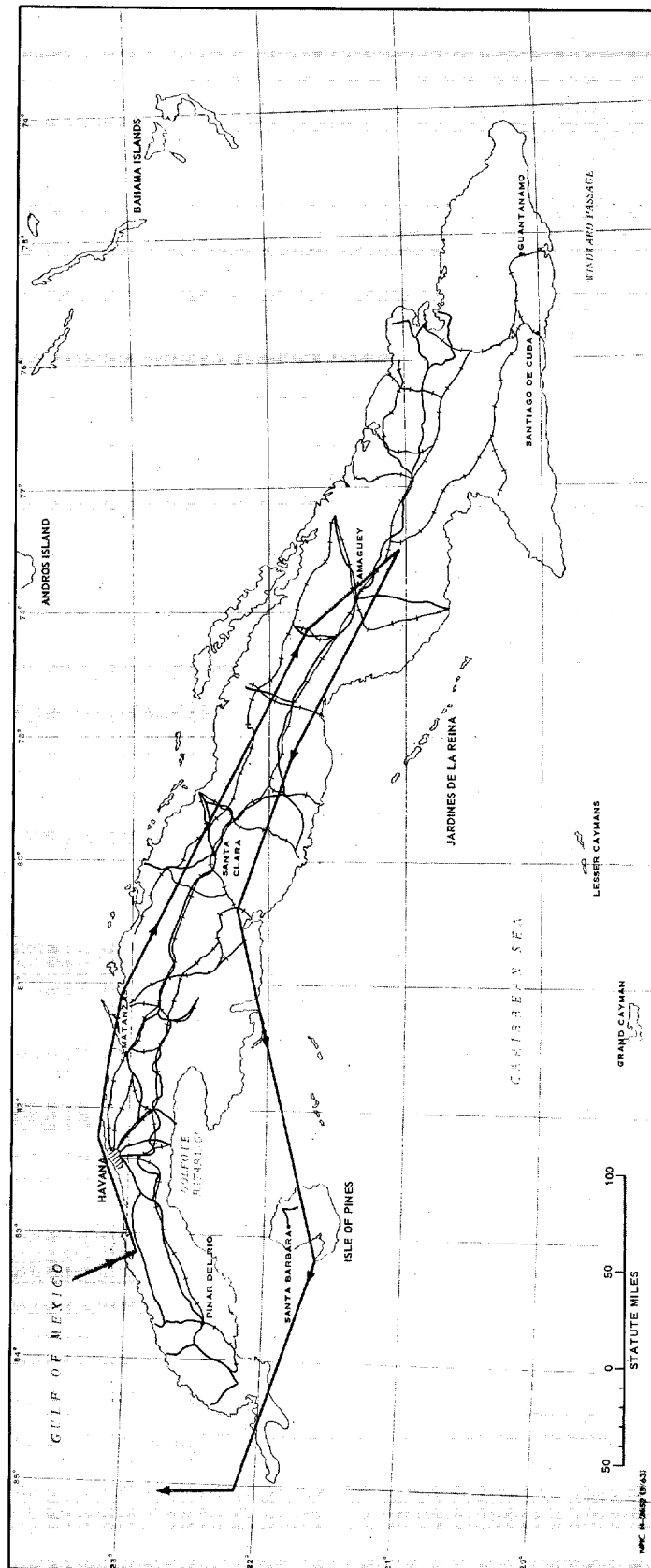
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2205N 08409W
LA COLOMA SAM SITE	2218N 08332W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
DELEITE SAM SITE	2259N 08045W
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2300N 08250W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08124W
GUANE, MILITARY CAMP	2212N 08408W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W

14  
SECRET



SECRET

NPIC/R-1296/63



APPROXIMATE TRACK OF BRASS KNOB MISSION 3604, 20 MAY 1963

SECRET

~~SECRET~~  
Approved For Release 2000/04/17 : CIA-RDP78B04560A001400010057-1

Approved For Release 2000/04/17 : CIA-RDP78B04560A001400010057-1  
~~SECRET~~